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Police Cite Fort Wayne Bar, Arrest 7 People

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Nov. 29) – Police cited a Fort Wayne bar and arrested seven people early this morning.

At 12:45 a.m., Indiana State Excise Police and Fort Wayne Police Department officers went to Sports and Spirits Bar and Grill, 1723 E. Wayne Street, where they found three underage patrons. Officers also located two semi-automatic handguns, several bags of marijuana, two partly-burnt marijuana “blunts” and a bag with suspected crack cocaine.

Terry Giddens, 36, was shot outside Sports and Spirits Bar and Grill on Oct. 11, following an argument.

Excise police officers arrested three minors inside the bar for minor in tavern and also cited two of them for illegal consumption. Sports and Spirits Bar and Grill was cited for three counts of allowing a minor to loiter and issued a warning for a gaming violation.

Fort Wayne police officers arrested a male in the parking lot when he was found to possess 25 individually-wrapped rocks of suspected crack cocaine. Fort Wayne police also jailed three people on outstanding arrest warrants.

“State Excise Police officers will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies to keep Indiana citizens safe,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “We are committed to ensuring that licensed establishments comply with Indiana law. Business owners who choose to violate the law will be held accountable.”

The Indiana State Excise Police is the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any Indiana law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

